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A resolution passed by the Police and Legal Affairs Sub-Committee and the Executive Committee of the Committee of Concern commends the Newark city administration for its action in transferring Captain Edward Williams to command the Fourth Precinct, headquartered in the city's Central Ward.

Captain Williams is the city's highest ranking Negro police officer and his appointment to the precinct command post has been urged by various civil rights and religious groups. The report of the Governor's Select Commission on Civil Disorders also recommended that, "Qualified Negro lieutenants and captains should be placed in operational command positions, including precinct commands."

The Committee of Concern heartily endorses the new position for Captain Williams. Such positive action, responsive as it is to the community's desires, contributes greatly to the kind of spirit so necessary to solve the community's problems and improve police-community relations.

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